

SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:
Virginia—Fair Tuesday, Wednesday fair and warmer; light variable winds.
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light, variable winds.

Sunday was an exceedingly warm day. Much of the day was in the shade, the thermometer being the highest recorded by the thermometer. To-day will be fair, and tomorrow fair and warmer.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	82
12 M.	84
3 P. M.	84
6 P. M.	83
9 P. M.	81

Highest temperature yesterday..... 85
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 79
Mean temperature yesterday..... 82
Normal temperature for July..... 80
Departure from normal temperature..... +2
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises..... 5:11	HIGH TIDE..... 1:20
Sun sets..... 7:21	Morning..... 7:58
Moon sets..... 10:07	Evening..... 7:58

RICHMOND.

Rock throwing in Manchester last night. Blast fired at a Broad Street car, wire across the Seven Pines road.—Statement by Mr. Orr as to the amount paid the strikers. Opening of the new highway. Police Board declines to reopen the cases of Messrs. Baker and Robinson. Committee continues its investigation into alleged municipal corruption.—Trial of Sheriff Simon Solomon charged before the County Court of Henrico with malfeasance and misfeasance of office. The jury to sit in the case, which promises to be in many respects a notable one, has been secured, the preliminary argument has been accomplished, and several leading witnesses have appeared with statements more or less interesting and important in their character. It is manifestly impossible, and to a degree improper, at this early stage, when the proceedings have yet several days to run, to say anything of the case, but the jury has been selected, and the trial is expected to be a notable one. The preliminary argument has been accomplished, and several leading witnesses have appeared with statements more or less interesting and important in their character. It is manifestly impossible, and to a degree improper, at this early stage, when the proceedings have yet several days to run, to say anything of the case, but the jury has been selected, and the trial is expected to be a notable one.

VIROGINIA.

Negro assault of Mrs. Thompson and Misses Clement and Thurston in Chesterfield county. The assault was committed by a negro named John H. Ingram, who was arrested and held in custody. The case is being tried in the County Court of Chesterfield county. The jury is expected to return a verdict of guilty, and the defendant is expected to receive a long term of imprisonment.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Naik's Head Hotel burned to the ground. The hotel was destroyed by fire, and the loss is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

GENERAL.

Stock market was weak at the opening on the announcement of an additional failure, but later in the day the market improved and closed with a gain. The market was characterized by a steady decline in the price of bonds, and a corresponding rise in the price of stocks.

PASSED SENTENCE ON "BOODLE" DELEGATES

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 27.—Judge Ryan today passed sentence on the members of the "Boodle" delegation, who were convicted of bribery and other offenses. The sentences range from one year to five years in the penitentiary.

SOLOMON IS PLACED ON TRIAL

Jury is Hearing Charge of Malfeasance.

FACTS BROUGHT OUT YESTERDAY

Shooting Affray on West Main Street Again.

IT IS DESCRIBED BY EYE-WITNESSES

Words Attributed to Sheriff When He Was Requested to Call for Troops.

Statement Made on His Behalf that What He then Said Was Only a Jest.

At the close of the first day of the trial of Sheriff Simon Solomon, charged before the County Court of Henrico with malfeasance and misfeasance of office, the jury to sit in the case, which promises to be in many respects a notable one, has been secured, the preliminary argument has been accomplished, and several leading witnesses have appeared with statements more or less interesting and important in their character. It is manifestly impossible, and to a degree improper, at this early stage, when the proceedings have yet several days to run, to say anything of the case, but the jury has been selected, and the trial is expected to be a notable one.

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Yesterday's Proceedings.

A portion of yesterday was consumed in securing the jury and in the preliminary argument. After about two hours work, however, these features of the trial were gotten through with, and shortly after noon the testimony began. The testimony was given by a number of witnesses, and the jury is expected to return a verdict of guilty, and the defendant is expected to receive a long term of imprisonment.

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A CIGAR COMPANY GOES TO THE WALL

The Greatest Crash in Winchester in a Number of Years.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, Va., July 27.—The Cuba Rica Cigar Company, represented in Ralph Savage, made an assignment today to secure its creditors for an indebtedness of about \$20,000. Ten thousand dollars in notes is due the Shenandoah Valley National Bank, \$4,000 to the Union Bank and the rest to other creditors.

Joseph Savage, proprietor of the Kerns-town Distillery, is endorser on most of the notes. Mr. M. M. Lynch was appointed trustee. It is certain that Mr. Savage's assets will cover the liabilities. He has assigned all his real and personal property, worth over \$80,000. The crash is the greatest that has occurred in Winchester in years, and dates back to the time, several years ago, when this company made a brave fight against the American Tobacco Company. There was a bitter war between the "Charley Rouse" cigar, manufactured by this company, and the trust clear, "Cubanola."

Mrs. Ella Taylor, widow of William H. Taylor, died today, aged seventy-six years. She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church sixty years.

Albert App, aged fifty-two years and

a well-known farmer, is dead of consumption. Hugh A. Funk, of Stephens City, today announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates against E. C. Jordan. The campaign is now quite exciting.

DID NOT RUN SMOOTH BUT THEY WILL MARRY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, TENN., July 27.—Bertie Murray, the fifteen-year-old daughter of a Dunkard preacher at Roanoke, Va., eloped to Bristol Saturday night with E. S. Ames, a Roanoke young man. The officers, acting under instructions from Roanoke, arrested the couple, taking them out of the hands of Rev. A. S. Burroughs, to whose Mecca they had started. The young man was allowed to return home, but Miss Murray was held until instructions came today to release her. Feeling that she was penniless and there being no provision for her return home, the police wired for her lover to return here and marry her.

NEGROES FIGHT IN CHURCH OVER CRAPS

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., July 27.—Reports received here today from Camak, Ga., where it was reported last night that two negroes had been killed and many others wounded, as a result of a fight between negroes, state that only two negroes were seriously wounded and five others severely injured. The fight originated over a game of craps dice in a negro church near Camak. Several negroes have been arrested.

THE KILLING OF TAYLOR

Grand Jury Holds the Soldiers Blameless.

REPORT MADE YESTERDAY

Same Thing Might Have Occurred With the Police Force Under Like Conditions—Two Indictments Brought In.

The grand jury of the Corporation Court of Manchester yesterday completed its inquiry into the death of Luther Taylor, recently fatally shot by troops on duty in that city. The report made to the court places no blame upon any person or persons, but deplores the necessity for the presence of the soldiers and the sad result therefrom. The action of the grand jury is not unexpected, the law in the premises, as laid down with great clearness and force by Judge John H. Ingram, clearly foreshadowing such a conclusion as to the legality of the unfortunate shooting. This report means the end of the matter, so far as criminal action is concerned.

The grand jury reported true bills for felony against Leslie Craig and C. L. Coxen, who were charged with throwing stones at cars near the end of the Free Bridge. Inquiry into other charges of attacking and interfering with the operation of cars was made, but the testimony was not sufficient to warrant other indictments. The jury will continue its deliberations today, taking up the report of a grand jury's report.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Here is the full text of the report of the grand jury in the Taylor case to Hon. John H. Ingram, Judge of the City of Winchester, Judge of the City of Winchester, Judge of the City of Winchester.

In compliance with the instructions of your Honor as to the killing of Luther Taylor on the night of the 4th of July, after a rigid and thorough investigation of the matter, the following facts have been established by the evidence presented.

TIE SLAYER UNKNOWN.

That in the execution of said orders in the opinion of the subalterns of said order, and in the attempt to escape after having been frequently commanded to halt, was fired upon and killed by some member of the command unknown to himself or to any other person.

While deeply deploring the necessity of the presence of the armed forces of the Commonwealth in our midst, and the sad result therefrom, yet under like circumstances, like results might have followed under the ordinary police protection of the city. Hence, the grand jury finds no good reason for placing blame upon any person or persons for the death of said Luther Taylor.

VALET JONES SAYS HE WILL NOT TESTIFY

(By Associated Press.)
GALVESTON, TEX., July 27.—Valet Charles Jones is in Galveston and is surprised at the report said to have come from District Attorney Jerome's office in New York that his disappearance had been the result of a plot to locate him. He stated emphatically to several friends that he will not return to New York to figure as a witness in any further proceedings in the case of Albert T. Patrick. Jones is well supplied with money, although at present he is not engaged in any labor.

DESPERATE DASH FOR LIBERTY

Convicts Escape from Folsom Penitentiary.

TOOK OFFICIALS AS A SHIELD

Terrible Fight Took Place Before Flight.

GUARDS WERE AFRAID TO FIRE ON THE PARTY

Desperadoes Threatened to Kill Their Prisoners if Any Attempt Was Made to Pursue Them—They Are Making for Cave Near Bald Mountain.

(By Associated Press.)
FOLSOM, CAL., July 27.—Thirteen desperate prisoners confined in the Folsom penitentiary made a successful break for liberty at the breakfast hour this morning. After a fierce fight in the captain's office, during which a turnkey was fatally stabbed, a guard was killed and another officer was wounded, the convicts seized arms and ammunition, and, using the warden and other officers as shields, escaped. To-night it is believed they are making for the Bald Mountain. State troops ordered out by Governor Pardee have gone to the scene.

William L. Cotter, a guard, was cut in the abdomen and died five hours later, and W. C. Palmer was cut in the head.

The convicts made their break for liberty about 7 A. M. They went to the office of R. J. Murphy, captain of the guard, and seized arms and ammunition. The convicts were armed with knives and razors, and with these they assaulted the warden and his officers. The warden's clothing was slashed into shreds with a razor, but the blade did not touch the flesh. Turnkey Cochrane fought the convicts with a chair, raining blows upon them from either side. Finally he was felled by a knife thrust in the back. Guard Cotter was dismembered by a cut in the abdomen and he died about noon. Palmer was severely cut in the head. The floor of the office was covered with blood.

The officers were easily outnumbered and were soon relieved of their arms. Then, using the officers as shields, the convicts started for the armory on the upper side of the building. One of the walls, but the guards were afraid to shoot at the convicts for fear of killing the prison officials.

When the armory was reached officers attempted to interfere, but the convicts were overpowered, and the convicts, after fortifying themselves further with rifles, knives, pistols and ammunition, made a dash for the country.

Convicts, each armed with rifles, marched on the other side of Warden Wilkinson. He was threatened with death if he made an attempt to escape, and the officers were told that if any of the pursuers took the life of one of their number they would retaliate, life for life. At Mormon Bridge, about a mile from the penitentiary, the Warden, his grandson and Captain Murphy were released and sent back. The others were marched along with the convicts.

MADE PARTIAL DASH.

Further on the convicts went to a farmer's house, seized his four-horse team and wagon, stripped the house of all its portable valuables, took the farmer with them as a driver, and headed for Bald Mountain. Evidently, it is their intention to reach Labastere Cave, situated near this mountain. All the convicts are still at large. Among the officers carried off by them is General Overseer McDonough. Some fears are felt for his safety, as he bears the special badge of the convicts.

The several hundred remaining prisoners made no attempt to get away, and were quietly returned to their cells and locked up.

Warden Wilkinson was the first to return to the penitentiary. The convicts had taken his hat. Captain Murphy appeared afterward, minus part of his

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GEORGIA COLONELS ENGAGE IN FIGHT

Disputed as to Precedence and had Fisticuff Before Governor's Eyes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROME, Ga., July 27.—Colonel V. T. Sanford and Colonel M. B. Eubanks, members of the gubernatorial staff, engaged in a fist fight here before Governor Terrell just as the latter was preparing to review the State troops.

Rome, and quarreled over the question of precedence when the Governor's reception was being arranged. When Governor Terrell and staff reached the parade ground Eubanks spoke to Sanford in an undertone. Sanford's arm shot out, and Eubanks went down. As Eubanks arose he struck Sanford in the eye. A clinch followed, but other colonels intervened further hostilities. Eubanks was badly bruised up and his gaudy uniform ruined. A board of honor has the matter under consideration.

THE NEGRO ASSAULTER IS KILLED

One Wanted in Chesterfield Killed in Sussex.

FLED FOR WOODS ON SIGHT OF OFFICERS

Bullet Brought Him Down and Ended His Life.

WAS IDENTIFIED BY WOMAN HE ATTACKED

Body Scarred, Showing that He Had Been in Many Difficulties—Coroner's Jury Brought in a Verdict of Justifiable Homicide.

Troops on Duty at Boydton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
JARRATT, VA., July 27.—Henry Small, the negro who last week attempted a criminal assault on Mrs. Thompson in Chesterfield county, and later, the same day, assaulted Misses Clement and Thurston near Centralia, was shot and killed by officers of the law in Sussex county yesterday. He fled on the approach of the officers, and when a load of bird shot failed to stop him the officers opened fire with their pistols. One ball took effect in his back, and the negro sprang into the air and dropped to the ground. He died in a few minutes.

Later Mrs. Thompson and one of the young ladies whom the negro robbed near Centralia arrived and identified the dead negro as the one who had attacked them. The coroner's jury viewed the remains and rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

On last Tuesday night Henry Small, a negro answering fully to the description of the man wanted for attempted assault on Mrs. D. W. Thompson, near Centralia, also for robbing two young ladies in the same neighborhood, got off the night freight train at Stony Creek, due there at a late hour of the night, and made his way to the farm of Mr. Luther Creath, and was taken into the home of Alfred Hill, a colored man, a tenant of Mr. Creath. He remained there until Sunday, and was employed for a day or more by Mr. Creath on the farm.

He divulged to one of the Hill family that he had killed a man and was fleeing from justice. In some way Mr. Creath heard of this statement, and having read in his Saturday's mail of the affair at Centralia, noticed closely the description given and decided that this man was up to the description in nearly every particular. His clothing, with the exception of the hat, tallied exactly.

He made known the whereabouts of this man and a posse was organized, consisting of W. H. Moore, constable; J. H. Hite and C. M. Brown.

On Sunday evening these gentlemen, in a top buggy, drove down to Hill's, and being partly concealed by the buggy, were close on the negro before he realized their purpose. He was on the point of entering the house and tried to escape by a rear door.

His pursuers took it for granted that he was well armed, and felt sure that he would give them a good fight. He emerged from the house. In his excitement he either could not find the pistol it is claimed he possessed or some one had misplaced it.

BULLET TOOK EFFECT.

The officers tried to load him off, but he broke arms and legs. Only one barrel of Moore's gun being loaded with small shot, he fired at him and hit him in the hip and leg, his intention being to stop, but not kill him.

The negro continued to run, when the others fired at him three times with pistols. Only one ball took effect, but from this wound the negro soon died.

He claimed to be from Jacksonville, Fla., and said he had recently seen some time in the neighborhood of Richmond. A physician around Richmond, having been shot and cut several times. There was a pistol wound in his temple, another in his wrist, and another near extending clear across his whole face. His lower lip was swollen and bled. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the killing was justifiable.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Negro in Jail at Williamsburg on this Charge.

of her and asked her to show him her hands. Mrs. Masters pulled away from him and again started for the house. Fields followed and again caught hold of her.

She succeeded in freeing herself from his grasp and called for help. Her cries were heard by her brother, who asked an axe and made for the negro, who ran off.

This morning Mr. Masters and a neighbor, Mr. Ball, found the negro on his way to work, and, covering him with a pistol, forced him to accompany them to Williamsburg, where he was given a hearing by Justice H. T. Armistead, who sent him on to the grand jury.

Fields lived a short distance from the Masters, and was known by them. Mr. Masters saw him loitering about the place before he started for town, but did not suspect him of anything criminal. Fields is married and has previously borne a good reputation.

TROOPS GUARD JAIL

Negroes Charged With Assault Will Be Tried this Morning.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., July 27.—The Emporia Guards, Captain Goodwin commanding, numbering forty-five men, who are to do guard duty at the trial of the two negroes, Anderson Finch and Dock Bacon, reached here at 3:30 this afternoon and have been quartered in the courthouse. Everything is very quiet, and no danger of lynching is apprehended.

A strong guard has been placed around the jail where the negroes are. The trial will begin tomorrow at 9 o'clock. It was intended to have held the trial today, and the two negroes were brought here for that purpose, but there was a delay in securing a jury.

THREE DEAD; OTHERS HURT

Explosion in Ice Plant Releases Deadly Ammonia.

EMPLOYEES STAMPEDED

Many Fled to the Roof to Escape Suffocation by the Fatal Fumes—Heroic Rescue Work by a Police Patrolman Saved a Man.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 27.—Three men are dead and several injured as the direct result of the blowing out of a cylinder-head of an engine attached to an ammonia pump in the Jacob Ruppert Brewing Company's ice plant, of Alexander Avenue, early today. One hundred and fifty men were at work at one time, and as soon as the engine stopped working the ammonia flowed from the pump, the fumes spreading to all parts of the building. Patrolman David J. Goss was overcome by the fumes while rescuing unconscious employees from the building, and his injuries may prove fatal. The dead are: OTTO SMITH, engineer; JOHN WILKINS, fireman; CHARLES CARPENTER, workman.

Upstairs the smell of the fumes carried warning, and the employees rushed to the roof, the narrow stairway delaying the few who were overcome. Charles Katz, the assistant engineer, was on the platform when the explosion took place, and jumped into a pit filled with oil underneath the engine, where he remained more than three hours, until discovered at half-past ten o'clock. He was unconscious and had been burned over.

A POLICEMAN'S HEROIC WORK.
Patrolman Goss heard the noise of the explosion and rushed into the building. Covering his head with a cap similar to a diver's helmet, he went into the engine room, dragged out the charred bodies of Smith and Wilkins. Returning, he carried two men, both unconscious, and found them out, falling insensible himself in the doorway as he was about to enter the building once more. He was taken to the hospital.

By this time the firemen arrived and rescued the other injured men. Those on the roof were taken down by ladders. Because of the ammonia fumes it was impossible to enter the building until nearly 11 o'clock, when the ammonia was shut off.

MADE SENSATION IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Girl of Nine Years Entered Sanctuary During Celebration of Mass for Pope.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., July 27.—An unusual incident occurred, which caused a little sensation among the Catholics, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church this morning during the celebration of the requiem high mass for the repose of the soul of the Pope.

There was a large congregation present, among them many non-Catholics, and two Methodists. The sanctuary was draped in mourning, and a bust of the dead Pope was on a table near the altar rail in the center aisle. No female is allowed to enter the sanctuary while a high mass is being celebrated. Scarcely a girl of nine years of age was seen to rise from her seat and walk hurriedly up the aisle towards the altar. Before she had been observed by the altar boys or by any one to stop her, she had entered the sanctuary, kneeling at the altar, and pulled at his vestments. The astonished priest turned to find the little girl, and after leaving her to hear her whisper he motioned her to her seat. Scarcely a moment had passed when the girl started again towards the altar, but was restrained by an elder sister, and not being permitted to go she began to recite the rosary.

A few minutes had closed it was ascertained that the little girl had a presentiment that she would soon die, and was eager to have Father O'Ferrell hear her confession before death.

ALL LINES ARE BEING OPERATED

Car Company Says It Has Plenty of Men.

ROCKS THROWN; SHOTS FIRED

Employees Are Slightly Hurt in Swansboro.

THE PAYMENT OF STRIKE BENEFITS

Statement that the Men Have Received Something Regularly Each Saturday Since the Trouble Began.

Wires Across the Track. Three Are Placed Under Arrest.

The various lines of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company are now all open and about the regular schedules are being operated. The company yesterday announced that they had made up their full complement of operatives for all lines, and that it would not be necessary to take any more except a few extra men and to fill vacancies that may from time to time arise. The Traction Hollywood line was opened Sunday, this being the first cars run over that line since before the strike began. The opening of the line was devoid of noteworthy manifestations of hostility, save the throwing of stones on Sunday night near the gate of Hollywood Cemetery. These were harmless, no one being struck by the missiles.

Wire Across Track.

It was reported to the company Sunday night that a wire had been strung across the Seven Pines line, and that an open car encountered it, but that the motor-man detected it in time to dodge and avoid injury by contact with it. Last night a shot was fired from the window of a house on Broad Street near the baseball park, but did not damage. In fact, it is not certain that it was aimed at the car or any one on it. Special officers went to the scene to investigate the shooting, but accomplished nothing. Considerable stone throwing in Swansboro was reported last night, and several car employees were said to have been struck, but their names could not be ascertained. None of them is seriously injured.

Since the company has adopted the policy of polling the suburban points along its lines there has been little or no interference with the operation of cars, and the patronage of the lines has gone on increasing. In fact, the night travel is larger than ever before since the shooting strike began. Mr. Orr, the organizer, who is directing the strike, stated last night that it created a wrong and injurious impression to say that the men have received only one dollar each since the strike began. On the contrary, all some money than others, because their needs were greater.

"Over \$5,000 has been paid in strike benefits since the struggle began," said Mr. Orr. "All of this did not come from the national organization, however, much of it having been contributed by friends and sympathizers."

Asked about what proportion of this total sum had come from the International organization, Mr. Orr said that he estimated that about half had come from that source.

"The financial secretary, Mr. Joyner," he said, "has an office in Smith's Hall, and all payments are made through him. Some of the men have drawn more than others because they were men of families who needed the money more than the married men. Contributions from other organizations and from individuals are reported at every meeting, and many of the organizations make weekly or monthly contributions."

Mr. Orr stated that the meetings of the men were well attended, and he estimated that of the 550 or 600 strikers (exclusive of the Petersburg men) who originally went out are still in the city. One left for New York yesterday and others from time to time go to other cities. The attendance at all of the meetings is very good, those who are not at the morning meetings usually being at the evening meetings.

Average for Week.

Estimating on the basis of five weeks that the strike has been on, and placing the total number of strikers at 600, the sum of \$5,000 which Mr. Orr stated had been distributed in strike benefits, each man would have received on the average the sum of \$8.33 per week since the strike began. Making allowance for the fact that some have received more than others, it is probable that the majority have not received more than \$3.50 per week, or about \$7.00 for the entire five weeks. It is not denied that the men are living very economically, not to say meagerly, but none have suffered for the necessities of life. Certainly, none have reported to the organization. Mr. Orr, President Griggs and President Ryall, of the Trades and Labor Council, went to Petersburg Sunday and attended the meeting of the men in that city. They bring back the statement that of the twenty-two men who deserted the organization, only eleven are now at work, the other eleven having reconsidered their determination and gone back to the organization. The eleven men who are now at work have been fined \$10 each. Although this amount is not collectible by law, it will bar the men fined from entering any labor union until the amount is paid by them, according to the statement of a prominent labor leader. It is expected that similar action will be